

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

To: Lewis County Board of County Commissioners
From: Lewis County Planning Commission
Date: September 27, 2016
Subject: Transmittal to the BOCC:
Findings and Conclusions for Changes to Lewis County Countywide Planning Policies

Dear Commissioners:

The purpose of this report is to transmit draft revisions to the Lewis County Countywide Planning Policies to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) for your consideration. These changes have been proposed by the Lewis County Planned Growth Committee (PGC) and been reviewed by the Lewis County Planning Commission.

General findings of fact:

1. Under the Growth Management Act, counties are required to prepare Countywide Planning Policies to coordinate the plans of various jurisdictions within the County.
2. Lewis County originally adopted its Countywide Planning Policies in 1995, and the PGC, the group tasked with amending the document, has met annually since that time to discuss any needed changes to the document.
3. In 2016, the PGC for Lewis County met three times to discuss potential changes to the CWPPs. At their last meeting of the year, on June 7, 2016, the PGC voted unanimously to forward a set of draft changes to the Lewis County Planning Commission for their consideration.
4. The Planning Commission held a workshop on the draft policies on July 11, 2016.
5. Following that workshop, the Lewis County Community Development Department sent a Notice of Intent to Adopt Amendment to the Washington State Department of Commerce on August 18, 2016.
6. After due and proper public notice in accordance with LCC 17.12.050, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the document on September 27, 2016.
7. The Planning Commission found that the proposed amendments to the CWPPs clarified the document, reflected the needs of Lewis County, and were in the best interests of the public.

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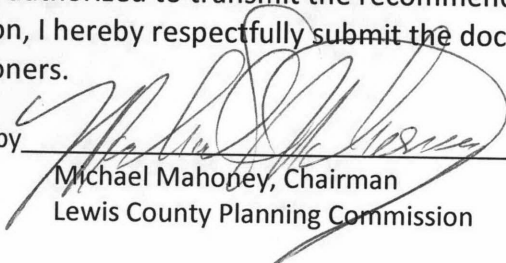
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Conclusions

Based on the above findings and conclusions, the Planning Commission recommends that the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners pass an ordinance that adopts the proposed changes to the Lewis County Countywide Planning Policies.

Being duly authorized to transmit the recommendations on behalf of the Lewis County Planning Commission, I hereby respectfully submit the document to the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners.

Submitted by


Michael Mahoney, Chairman
Lewis County Planning Commission

Date

